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 Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 2538
 Gary K. Michelson)
 Serial No.: 09/970,294) Group Art Unit: 3732
 Filed: October 2, 2001) Examiner: M. Priddy
 For: SCREWS OF CORTICAL BONE AND)
 METHOD OF MANUFACTURE)
 THEREOF)

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 14, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows: 50-1046

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 01 FC:1253 Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

Amendment 4-14-04